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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 14-17, 19, 20, and 26 are pending in the application for consideration on the merits. Claims 14-17, 19, 20 and 26 are allowed. Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the intervening and base claims. Favorable consideration of this application as amended is requested.

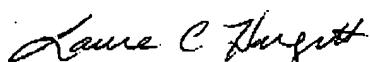
**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:**

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayashi (6,684,574). Claim 1 has been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1. Claims 2 and 3, which previously depended on claim 1, are amended herein to depend on claim 7. Claim 4 still depends on claim 3, which now depends on claim 7.

**Conclusion:**

In summary, the Applicants believe that each formal and substantive requirement has now been met. The application is now believed to be in appropriate condition for allowance with claims 2-4, 6, 7, 14-17, 19, 20 and 26, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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